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1. IN ADDITION TO IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR TEXTILES
AND CLOTHING, AND THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF
FOOTWEAR (REF A), SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO TAKE OTHER
MEASURES TO ASSIST THESE INDUSTRIES. THEY INCLUDE

A. ADVANCED PROCUREMENT OF PLANNED ORDERS OF CLOTHING
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EARMARKED FOR MILITARY AND CIVIL DEFENSE PURPOSES (SKR 66

MILLION: \$1.00 EQUALS SKR 4.36);

B. ADVANCED PROCUREMENT BY THE NATIONAL LABOR MARKET BOARD OF PLANNED CLOTHING ORDERS EARMARKED FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH NATIONAL BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEFENSE (SKR 10 MILLION)

C. INCREASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIONS TO ASSIST FINANCING OF PROCUREMENT OF CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PURPOSES (SKR 10 MILLION);

D. AUTHORIZE NATIONAL BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEFENSE TO INCREASE STOCKPILES OF TEXTILE FIBERS, YARNS, CLOTHING FABRICS, BLANKETS AND OTHER TEXTILE ITEMS (SKR 72 MILLION);

E. TO PREPARE FOR "EVENTUAL EMERGENCY", INCREASE STOCKS OF SURGICAL DRESSINGS AND OTHER HOSPITAL TEXTILE SUPPLIES (SKR 30 MILLION),

F. INCREASE INTEREST-FREE LOANS AVAILABLE TO TEXTILE, CLOTHING, SHOE AND TANNING INDUSTRIES FOR INVESTMENT IN BUILDINGS AND MACHINERY FROM PRESENT SKR 120 MILLION TO SKR 160 MILLION; AND EXPAND FRAMEWORK OF GOVERNMENT CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR THE SAME INDUSTRIES FROM SKR 60 MILLION TO SKR 80 MILLION

G. RAISE CURRENT EXPORT PROMOTION SUPPORT GIVEN TO TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES BY SKR 8 MILLION AND FOR THE SHOE AND TANNING INDUSTRIES BY SKR 1.6 MILLION.

2. COMMENT. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A), FOOTWEAR IMPORTS WILL BE CURBED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5. PRESS REPORTS STATE LEVEL OF IMPORTS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO AVERAGE OF PAST THREE YEARS; THIS WOULD MEAN A REDUCTION OF IMPORTS FROM DENMARK OF 25 TO 30 PERCENT FROM 1974 LEVEL AND CAUSE CUTBACK OF SKR 18 MILLION IN SUCH PURCHASES. FOR TEXTILES, LICENSE CONTROLS WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1976. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THIS WILL BE ONLY FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSE AND NOT TO RESTRICT IMPORTS. WHETHER LICENSE CONTROLS WILL HIT IMPORT VOLUME, OF COURSE, WILL DEPEND ON (A) SPEED WITH WHICH LICENSES ARE ISSUED AND (B) DEGREE TO WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION IS EXERCISED BY GOS TO DISSUADE PURCHASES.

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